

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Department of Animal Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 28, 2013

SUBJECT: Initiation of an Ordinance that would regulate the reproduction of Pit Bull and Pit Bull cross dogs

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Pursuant to Board Policy A-67, adopt an order initiating an ordinance that would regulate the breeding of Pit Bull typed dogs; and
2. Direct the Department of Animal Services and County Counsel to prepare and process the ordinance.

BACKGROUND: Current State law provides:

SB 861, Speier. Animals: dogs: spay, neuter, and breeding programs. Existing law sets forth provisions relating to veterinary public health and safety, as specified. Existing law also provides for or regulates spay, neuter, and breeding programs for animals, as specified. The bill authorized local governments to enact dog breed-specific ordinances pertaining only to mandatory spay or neuter programs and breeding requirements, provided that no specific dog breed, or mixed dog breed, shall be declared potentially dangerous or vicious under those ordinances.

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Robert P. Miller
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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	n/a
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	n/a
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	12/13

SOURCE OF FUNDS: n/a	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*
Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Consent
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- Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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BACKGROUND (Continued): Currently, County Ordinance requires the sterilization of pet dogs only under circumstances when citations are written for violations of the basic tenants of pet ownership; so-called secondary enforcement. These citations are most commonly issued when a dog is stray-at-large, unvaccinated against rabies, or unlicensed.

Pit Bull and Pit Bull mixes significantly impact the health and safety of Riverside residents and their pets. The media is constantly reporting the incidents of human injury and death from attacks by this type of canine. Additionally, this breed of dog represents 20% of the dogs impounded by the department and has historically very low redemption or adoption rates.

This proposal would mandate the sterilization of all Pit Bull type dogs. Reducing the fertility of this segment of the dog population is the only effective way to mitigate these negative impacts on the County and its residents.

FISCAL: No impact on the department or the County general fund.